





## The Spatula.

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### POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The new state of Washington starts off plottingly. There were but 15 Democrats elected to her legislature out of a total of 110.

In Michigan this year the wheat yield will be 22,197,650 bushels, which is about 4,000,000 below the average of the 10 years from 1873 to 1883.

Ex-Convict Sam Cox was re-elected by the Indianapolis Democrats. He is still their beloved leader, which shows what sort of people those Indianapolis Democrats are. — *Det. Tribune.*

The "campaign of education" the Democrats were running last year educated the new states of the Northwest up to the point of sending a solid Republican delegation to the national House of Representatives.

It was just three hundred and ninety-seven years ago yesterday since Christopher Columbus discovered America. It was on the 3d of August, 1492, that he sailed from Spain, and over ten weeks later, on October 12, he first set foot on the Western Hemisphere.

The state board of health directs that all cases of typhoid fever shall be reported to the local health officers and the same precautions taken as in typhoid fever. Also that all cases of fever continuing over seven days must be reported and precautions taken, as in other diseases dangerous to the public health.

A careful collation of examples shows that the men who have been sneering at President Harrison because he had an honorable and honored grandfather, are generally persons whose own grandfathers had no record of which their descendants can be proud, or else don't know who their own grandfathers were. —  *Toledo Blade.*

Suppose we search the world over for the facts of the trust question. What is the result? Simply that of all countries England is the worst trust and syndicate-ridden place in civilization. It is not content with its own territory, but it is striving in every possible way to place its monopolistic "trusts and syndicates" on all American industries that it can reach. — *Baltimore American.*

Gen. Wm. Shakespeare, of Kalamazoo, now a prominent Democratic politician, and who was a gallant soldier in the union army, joins Col. Geo. D. Sanford, of Lansing, in condemning his party press for its attitude on pension matters and pensioners. "If the Democratic party desires to make a prominent Republican the next president of the United States," let them continue in their present course, and they will accomplish their object," he says.

Mr. Thompson, the leader of the Scripps party, which was sent to Europe to get 100,000 on the subject of free trade, responding to the inquiry, said: "Almost every trade was represented in our party, and they examined carefully the products and machinery of the old country. It was observed that the machinery is cumbersome, lacking the completeness that is seen in our country. It was found that the wages are on an average of 33 per cent lower than in America."

The Helena Journal says the Democratic candidate for governor of Montana was elected by 850 Dagobes who were not naturalized until after they had been registered; when they went up to the polls to vote they each handed the election judges a card bearing these words: "I can neither speak nor write the English language. I desire to vote the straight Democratic ticket." The Democratic managers in Montana must have graduated from some such political school as some of the slick workers in the lower precincts of this city were educated in. — *Det. Tribune.*

The Detroit Free Press says: "It taxes the great renown which came with the march to the sea to protect Gen. Sherman from ridicule when now, in his old age, he takes to talking politics." The Free Press is bound to be consistent. When Gen. Sherman made his famous march to the sea the Free Press didn't appreciate it; it was a march against its political friends and allies. And now, when the loyal old general looks that the people of the country are entitled to the fruits of the victory which that grand march did so much to secure, and wants loyal men in the South to have the same political rights as they do in the North, the Free Press don't appreciate his talk; it is a talk against its political friends and allies. Evidently it requires an effort on the part of the Free Press to restrain from breaking forth into ridicule; it would do so if it were a *Republican*.

A new order went into effect last Sunday week, on the Michigan Central railroad, whereby passengers will not be carried under any circumstances upon any freight train, except such as are designated, and between points named upon the time table. Nor will they be carried upon such freight trains unless provided with freight train permits. Freight trains authorized to carry passengers will not stop at the stations where permits are not sold to receive or let off passengers.

One feature of the next census will be of special interest to veterans of the civil war and their surviving relatives—namely the roll of all men who have served in the army and are now living and the names of the widows of the deceased veterans. The list will be taken by the enumerators, who will ascertain the name of the veteran, his present residence, the name of the organization to which he belonged and his rank and length of service in each. It will probably be decided to classify them by organizations. It will then be possible for the comrades of a veteran by turning to the record of his regiment to learn his present residence and send them for such information as they wish.

The Detroit Tribune is not as a rule subject to "spells," but it is suffering just now from a bad fit of star spangled banterism, and unless it is quarantined it will infect the people of the entire State, until "old glory" waves proudly from every school house in Michigan. But, jesting aside, the Tribune is doing a grand work. The place to teach the first lessons in patriotism is in the public schools, commencing in the kindergarten department, and the star-spangled stripes is one of the very best of subject lessons for that purpose. Let it be one of the first subjects to greet the pupils in the morning and the last thing at night, and the schoolboys of to-day will rally round it with all the more enthusiasm should they be called upon to do so on future battlefields. Long may they wave, both the old flag and the Tribune. — *Kalamazoo Leader.*

With life crops in the United States and small crops abroad, as is the case just now, the country has a change, for a time at least, to repeat the experience begun ten years ago, and continued for two or three years. The great importation of gold, which began about that time, and which reached its greatest proportions in 1880 and 1881, had an important influence toward enabling the country to resume specie payments in 1879 and to make this policy permanent. A business boom such as began in that year and continued to 1893 is not probable now, nor is it altogether desirable. A fair share of quiet, solid and sustained prosperity, however, seems assured. — *St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

The bright and shining light of modern democracy, the Nashville *American*, appeals to the democrats everywhere to "turn out in full force and bury forever beneath the weight of their ballots the miscreants and bunglers, bounty grabbers and Grand Army plunderers and imported carpenters and home-made scoundrels who have since the inauguration of President Harrison been disporting themselves to the contempt of honest and decent men."

Why certainly, of course. "Turn out in full force" your entire gang of knucklers, red shirts, regulators, mid-night prowlers, masked assassins, night whippers, ballot-box stuffers and political foot-pads, and begin the work of "reform" at once. Turn up the red flag, hurrah for Jeff Davis and damn the Yankees be the way to do it. Don't suppress your feelings, brethren.

Didn't you make the country what it is? Isn't it all yours? Are not the old Union soldiers—these bunnies and bounty grabbers you speak of—a lot of spared scape-graces, saved only by your tender mercy? Why permit them longer to clutter the earth? — *Det. Tribune.*

A special to the *N. Y. Press*, from Atlanta, Ga., says: "Senator Gibbs spoke yesterday in the legislature in favor of forcing the negroes to leave the state." He referred to the whole race as vagabonds. "Emancipated," he said, "the negro becomes useless and dominant and lapses into barbarism, voodooism. The lives and the honor of southern women are in constant danger at the hands of the scoundrels. The time will come before long when the white people of the state will rise as one man and demand the banishment or extermination of the race."

"I approve of the whipping of the negroes at East Point. When white men strike for their home and fireside, I am with them every time. The time has come when the whites must stand up and defend themselves and their families."

"There is not room enough in this country for both the negro and the Yankee. The negroes are always at the call of the carpet bagger. I want to see this state, at least, rid of the whole race."

The vote on the question was a tie and the president gave his vote against Gibbs. "Striking for their homes and firesides by whipping defenseless women and children is a new feature, but the democratic mind is rich in expedients with which to maltreat the negro."

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, '11.

The President has given a great deal of his time this week to the 25,000 Knight Templars and their friends who are attending the twenty-fourth triennial convocation of that organization. On Tuesday he reviewed the mammoth parade, the largest of its kind that ever took place; Wednesday evening he gave the Templars and their lady friends a special reception at the White House, which was attended by about 50,000 people. The President and Mrs. Harrison were assisted by Mrs. Secretary Windom, Mrs. Attorney General Miller, Mrs. Secretary Noble and Mrs. Secretary Rush. The White House grounds were beautifully illuminated with colored electric lights. Besides these formal occasions the President has held informal receptions every day.

Politics have been laid aside this week by democrats as well as republicans, and all have devoted their entire attention to entertaining the strangers within our gates, and the consequence is the Knights and their friends are loud in their praises of Washington hospitality and the number of earnest workers for Washington as the place for holding the World's Exposition of 1922 has been increased by thousands.

Secretary Proctor returned to the city yesterday. He took part with the Vermont veterans in the ceremonies on the battle-field of Gettysburg, Wednesday.

Secretary Tracy has issued an order directing the contractors to deliver the gunboat "Petrel" at the Norfolk Navy Yard for acceptance by the Government.

The President had a strange caller this week in the person of a merchant all the way from Morocco, who came to complain of unjust imprisonment at the hands of a United States consul. The appearance of the merchant, attired in a white tunic and a red fez attracted much attention.

Private Secretary Hallford continues unwell. It has been necessary to perform a very painful surgical operation upon him, which it is hoped will give him relief. Under the most favorable circumstances it will be some time before he can resume his active duties. If the operation does not afford the relief expected he will resign. If he should be compelled to resign there will be deep regret here, where he has made so many friends.

The Swiss government has made an explanation and tendered an apology for the imprisonment of a citizen of Baltimore who was recently travelling in Switzerland. No complaint had been made to the State department, the apology was voluntary on the part of the Swiss.

Much uneasiness was created in political circles, particularly among the democrats, early this week by a report that the veteran congressman, Samuel J. Ranall, was dangerously ill. Later reports contradicted it and stated that Mr. Randall would be in Washington in a few weeks. The loss of Mr. Randall would be an irreparable one to the democrats in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Gen. Logan's reception to the Knight Templars last night was the largest private reception ever held. Calumet Place, the family residence of the Logans was a blaze of lights inside and out and the spacious grounds covered by luminous canopies looked like a fairyland. The reception was a most colorful lanterns thickly scattered around. Mrs. Logan considered the reception a tribute to the memory of her husband, who was an enthusiastic Knight.

The local G. A. R. posts have taken up the question of removing the remains of Gen. Grant from New York to Arlington cemetery. Resolutions have been adopted in favor of the removal, and these resolutions are to be sent for endorsement to every post in the United States. If there is anything like unanimity among the G. A. R. people in favor of the removal it is almost certain to be made.

A large body of Knight Templars made a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon, Wednesday and held an impressive service at the tomb of Washington, who was an honored member of the order.

New York and Pennsylvania have the largest representation among the Knight Templars here.

A great question in public sentiment on the tariff question has been taking place in many European nations. A few years ago free trade was the accepted policy of the greater part of Europe. It was so generally adopted that protection was called, by distinction, the American system.

Times change and men change with them. The folly of free trade and the wisdom of protection are being recognized in many parts of Europe. The United States minister to Holland in a recent report to the State Department sends a copy of an editorial in the organ of the conservative party at the Hague. It suggests very plainly that a return to protection in Holland is not improbable. It calls attention to the changed feeling on this subject in many parts of Europe, and notes that the free-traders are advocating their doctrine very feebly now, in the face of the satisfactory results which come from protection. Several nations that formerly tried free trade are now adopting protection, and are greatly pleased at the change.

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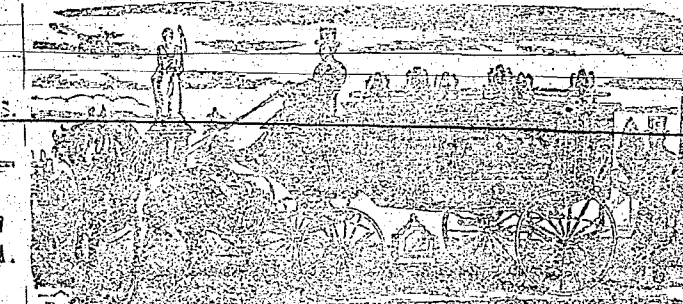
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